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Helping Vine City, One Tomato at A Time

Urban Gardens to Fix a Food Desert

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GPS: Food Sustainability

Problem



Vine City Historically:

- Thriving community
- Home to MLK Jr.



Labelled "Grocery Store" on map

Vine City Food Desert:

- No grocery store, 2009-2013
- Now Wal-Mart in SW corner

Vine City Today:

- High rates of crime, poverty, foreclosures
- "Shell of its former self"



View of stadium from Vine City

Impacts of Food Desert:

- Obesity
- Lack of nutrition education

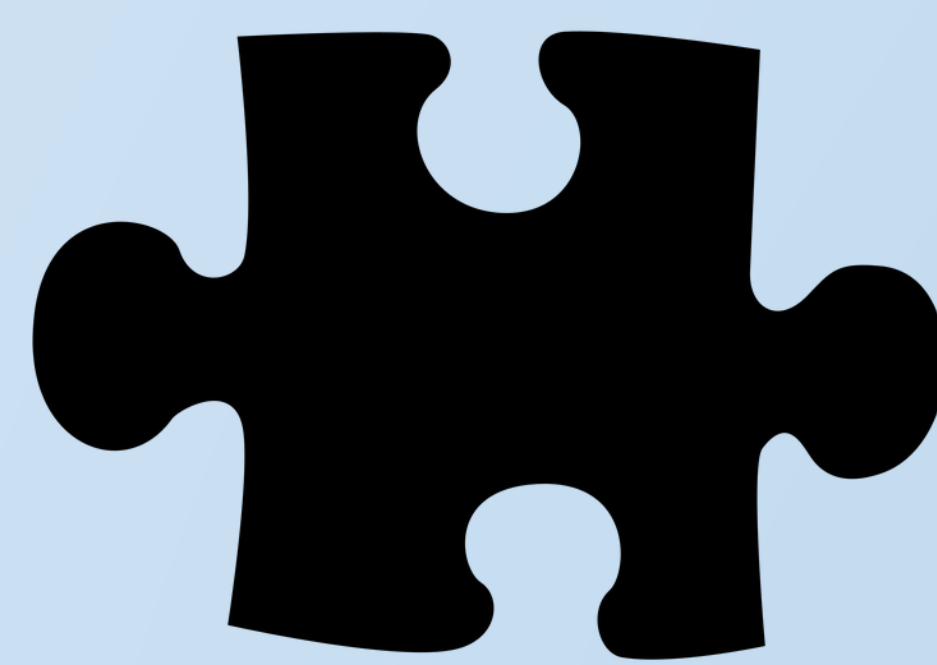


Results



Neighborhood Data

- High unemployment
- High poverty rates
- Wal-Mart grocery



Possible Solutions

- Education programs
- Farmer's markets
- Urban gardens



Applicable Solutions

- Urban Garden
- High cost
- Builds community

Solution

Urban Farm in Vine City

Our Solution:

Make pamphlet

Distribute

Implement

Assessment:

Track products

Quantify

Compile monthly

